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April 5, 2005

Mr. Gene K. Fong  
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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
6	<b>Local Element</b>

- Adds or modifies projects in Tulare County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 6 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. TCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN  
Chief  
Division of Transportation Programming  
Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- George Finney - Tulare County Association of Governments
- Ted Smalley - Tulare County Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans